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Successful Rare-Plant-A-Thon

On May 11 and 12, Point Reyes National Seashore, with the support of the Point Reyes National Seashore Association, hosted its third "Rare-Plant-A-Thon"! Sixty-six volunteers participated in this event traveling from as far as Davis, Sacramento, and San Francisco. Overall, we had 13 groups combing different areas of the Seashore surveying for and/or monitoring different rare plant species.

The following are the highlights of what was accomplished over the weekend:

- * 13 unrecorded rare plant populations were located and documented. These included new occurrences of Endangered beach tidytips (*Layia carnosa*), Franciscan thistle (*Cirsium andrewsii*), Point Reyes Ceanothus (*Ceanothus gloriosus* var *gloriosus*), Perennial Goldfields (*Lasthenia macrantha*), dune gilia (*Gilia capitata* ssp *chamissonis*), and many more.

- * 16 known rare plant populations were monitored and mapped and many of their population boundaries extended. This was quite an accomplishment as some of these rare plant populations were last documented in 1988!

- * Endangered Sonoma Alopecurus (*Alopecurus aequalis* var *sonomensis*) plants grown from seed were transplanted into the wild at two sites as part of a restoration project.

The incredible weather and wildflowers (and even a few whales) made for a very successful weekend! Many of the participants have expressed interest in our fourth "Rare-Plant-A-Thon", scheduled for July 13 and 14. So mark your calendars and come out and join us in our ongoing effort to document unrecorded rare plant populations in the Seashore!